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***Via Hand Delivery***

Mr. William Daigle, P.E.  
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Re: ***Onondaga Lake, Onondaga County, New York***

Dear Mr. Daigle:

Enclosed is the response submitted on behalf of the Syracuse China Company to the joint request for information on the Onondaga Lake Site, Onondaga County, New York, dated June 19, 1996, issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC"). As confirmed in correspondence dated November 14, 1996 from William G. Little, Esq. of DEC, to John Greenthal of Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle LLP, counsel for Syracuse China Company in this matter, Syracuse China Company was granted an extension to respond until December 24, 1996. This response is submitted in accordance with that extension.

Pursuant to our discussions with Mr. Little, it has been agreed that relevant documents previously submitted to the State of New York by Syracuse China shall be incorporated by reference in this response, in lieu of being provided with this response. Should DEC subsequently request such documents, Syracuse China will provide such documents to the extent possible.

Syracuse China itself reserves the right to supplement this response if relevant information not known or not available to Syracuse China as of the date of this submission should later become known or available.

This response in no way represents an acknowledgement of liability for costs for response activities or other costs incurred or to be incurred at the Onondaga Lake Site, with any such liability expressly denied. Further, Syracuse China Company reserves the right to contest any allegation that it is in any way responsible for the site, and in addition, this response in no way waives any rights to which Syracuse China Company may be entitled under law.

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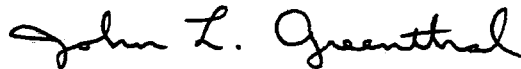
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If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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